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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EFIN, IV

SUBJECT: TAW

REFERENCE STATE 22346

1. EMBOFF CONTACTED LOCAL BANKS IN IVORY COAST REFERENCE YOUR CABLE. BIAO (BANQUE INTERNATIONALE POUR L'AFRIQUE OCCIDENTALE) ACCOUNT NUMBER 36018385J IS LISTED PRESENTLY AS AN ACCOUNT IN THE NAME OF TAW INTERNATIONAL LEASING. THE BANK DIRECTOR, M. OUATTARA, HAS BEEN INFORMED BY TAW THAT NEITHER MR. MULLER, MR. CAVANAUGH, NOR MR. WYSINSKI IS ANY LONGER A SIGNATORY ON THIS ACCOUNT AND CANNOT MAKE WITHDRAWALS. CONTRARY TO WHAT CAVANAUGH PREVIOUSLY TOLD EMBASSY AND OPIC (BLOCKED ACCOUNT) BIAO INFORMS US THAT THE ACCOUNT IS RESIDENT AND NO TRANSFERS BETWEEN THE ACCOUNT AND ANY OTHER RESIDENT ACCOUNT HELD BY TAW INTERNATIONAL LEASING WOULD HAVE BEEN CONSIDERED ILLEGAL.

2. FYI: PURSUANT INFORMATION RECEIVED REFTTEL RELATIVE
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TAW'S SUIT ASSERTING ILLEGAL TRANSACTIONS WERE MADE THROUGH

RESTRICTED BANK ACCOUNTS, LOCAK BANKING AUTHORITIES INFORM
US ANY SUCH TRANSFERS WOULD HAVE HAD TO BE AUTHORIZED BY
THE CENTRAL CREDIT AUTHORITY OF BCEAO (CENTRAL BANK) AND
THE ONLY PERSONAGES OR COMPANIES LIABLE UNDER LOCAL LAW
FOR VIOLATION OF EXCHANGE CONTROLS WOULD BE THE BANKS THEMSELVES.

3. PLEASE ADVISE IF EMBASSY SHOULD TAKE ANY FURTHER ACTION.
INQUIRY SOLICITED ONLY ON A CAUSUAL BASIS; NO MENTION OF OPIC,
CREDITORS OR USG INVOLVED.
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